

to bring forth some result, go on with your work, increase the Library, do all that you can and after you are laid under the sod these who follow will rise up and call you blessed.

On motion adjourned

Ed Wheeler

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### Report of Secretary

Young Men's Library Association  
Carbondale Pa. March 11<sup>th</sup> 1890

To the Life and Action members of the Young Men's Library Ass<sup>n</sup>

The Directors of the Y.M.L.A. have no special "new departures" to present in their Sixteenth Annual Report. The Library has been patronized to about the same extent as in past years. There are many books of history, biography and travel standing unused on the shelves, the perusal of which would be of great value to the young ladies and men of our city. Yet we console ourselves with the thought that the proportion of such books taken from our library is as large as is the amount of such class of reading read by boys and girls from the free libraries in their own homes. Parents are at fault in the matter of the selection of reading by their children: if mothers and fathers read the ordinary works of the day, on the principle that "water will not rise above its own level" the children will be delighted with a tin can yellow covers ----- words fail, so will not continue the description.

During the year 34 new volumes have been added by purchase, and 28 volumes of Public Documents have been received. One of the most valuable acquisitions, is to the Historical Department, by the purchase of the files of all newspapers published in Dundaff and Carbondale since Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1828 to date,